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## The Port of Poti

1. One part of the port is entirely reserved to the Soviet Navy and is isolated from the rest of the piers by barbed wire and armed sentries. Two ocean-going submarines of about 1,800 tons each are moored between the two piers reserved to the Soviets. Visible armament of the submarines is composed of eight torpedo launching tubes in the bow and two in the stern. (Comment: It seems unlikely that the torpedo tubes would be visible and that there should be as many as eight in the bow.) The submarines are also armed with a large caliber anti-aircraft machine gun on the conning tower and a cannon (approximately 100 mm) on the deck. The submarines are painted dark gray with visible lettering or numbers on the conning tower. 25X1A6a
2. Two auxiliary ships are moored next to the submarines. From outward appearances, they are about 7,500 tons each. The larger part of the submarine crew members live on these vessels.
3. The following units are generally moored to the piers:
- a. Two or three destroyers of about 900 tons armed with four 120 mm guns and with launching tubes
- b. About a dozen armed patrol boats of German type, armed with machine guns and cannon, and four or five torpedo boats, also of German type, each armed with two launching tubes
- d. Various numbers of mine field clearing vessels, numbering from a minimum of four to a maximum of ten, which continue coastal clearing operations in view of the danger constituted by mine fields still present
4. Anti-aircraft defenses of the port of Poti consist of modern artillery of medium caliber and various searchlights. Practice firing was observed at night.
5. Attached is a drawing of part of the port of Poti.
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